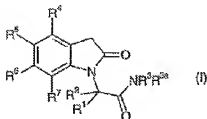


Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A compound having the formula I or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof or stereoisomeric forms thereof,



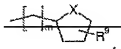
wherein

R¹ is hydrogen,

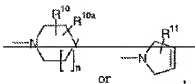
R² is hydrogen or C₁₋₂₀-alkyl,

R³ is hydrogen, C₁₋₂₀-alkyl, C₄₋₈-cycloalkyl, C₅₋₈-cycloalkylenyl, aryl, ~~aromatic or non~~
~~aromatic heterocycle~~, C₁₋₂₀-alkoxy, or a group of formula -W-R⁸.

R^{3a} is hydrogen, or C₁₋₂₀-alkyl, ~~or a group of formula:~~



~~or NR^{2a}R^{2a} is a group of formula~~



R⁴ is hydrogen,

R⁵ is hydrogen; nitro; halogen; azido; cyano; -S-C₁₋₄-alkyl; -SO-C₁₋₄-alkyl; -SO₂-C₁₋₄-alkyl; -SONH₂; C₁₋₂₀-alkyl unsubstituted or substituted by halogen; or C₁₋₂₀-alkoxy unsubstituted or substituted by halogen,

R⁶ is hydrogen, C₁₋₂₀-alkyl or halogen,

R⁷ is hydrogen, C₁₋₂₀-alkyl or halogen,

W is C₁₋₁₂-alkylene, -NH- or -NHC(=O)-,

substituted by methoxy; triazolyl; C₁₋₄-alkoxy; or a group of formula -W-R⁸,
R^{3a} is hydrogen, C₁₋₄-alkyl or a group of formula

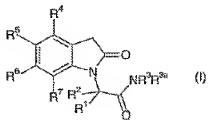


or NR^{3a} is piperidinyl unsubstituted or substituted by hydroxy; thiomorpholinyl;
thiazolidinyl unsubstituted or substituted by C₁₋₄-alkoxy; carbonyl; 2,5-dihydro-1H-
pyrrol-1-yl; 1,4-dioxo-8-azaspiro[4.5]dec-8-yl; 4-oxooctahydro-1(2H)-quinolinyl;
or a group of formula



R⁴ is hydrogen,
R⁵ is hydrogen; nitro; halogen; C₁₋₄-alkyl, unsubstituted or substituted by halogen; or C₁₋₄-alkoxy unsubstituted or substituted by halogen,
R⁶ is hydrogen, C₁₋₆-alkyl or halogen,
R⁷ is hydrogen, methyl or halogen,
W is C₁₋₄-alkylene unsubstituted or substituted by halogen, hydroxy, C₁₋₄-alkyl or alkoxy;
-NH-; or -NHC(=O)-,
R⁸ is phenyl unsubstituted or substituted by 1 to 5 substituents selected from halogen, C₁₋₄-allyl, hydroxy, methoxy, nitro, methylsulfonyl or trifluoromethylthio; ~~furyl~~
 ~~unsubstituted or substituted by methyl; pyrazolyl; pyridinyl; morpholinyl;~~
 ~~tetrahydrobenzazocinyl; piperidinyl unsubstituted or substituted by methyl;~~
 ~~dihydroisochromenyl or dihydroimidazolyl;~~
R¹⁴ is pyridinyl; phenyl unsubstituted or substituted by halogen, hydroxy, C₁₋₄-alkyl; or a
group of formula -V-R¹⁵;
V is unsubstituted C₁₋₄-alkylene;
R¹⁵ is phenyl or morpholinyl,
m is 1 to 4,
and at least one of R⁵, R⁶ and R⁷ is different from hydrogen when R² is hydrogen, R³ is H
or 2,6-diisopropylphenyl, and R^{3a} is H.

3. (currently amended) A compound having the formula I or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof or stereoisomeric forms thereof,



wherein

R¹ is hydrogen,

R² is hydrogen, methyl or ethyl,

R³ is hydrogen, n-butyl, cycloheptyl, 2-fluoroethyl, 3-hydroxypropyl, 3-hydroxy-2,2-dimethylpropyl, 1-(hydroxymethyl)propyl, 3,3,3-trifluoro-2-hydroxypropyl, 3-ethoxypropyl, 2-ethoxy-2-oxoethyl, 3-(dimethylamino)propyl, 6-(hydroxymethyl)cyclohex-3-en-1-yl, 3-hydroxyphenyl, 3-fluorophenyl, 3-(2-pyridin-2-ylethyl) phenyl, 3,4-dimethylphenyl, 4-tert-butylphenyl, benzyl, 4-hydroxy-3-methoxybenzyl, 4-methylsulfonylbenzyl, 2-nitrobenzyl, 2-chloro-6-fluorobenzyl, 2-[(trifluoromethyl) thio] benzyl, 2-hydroxy-2-phenylethyl, 2-(3,4-dimethoxyphenyl)ethyl, 2-(2-chlorophenyl)ethyl, 2-(4-methylphenyl)ethyl, [4-bromophenyl]amino, pyridin-3-yl, 6-methoxypyridin-3-yl, 4H-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl, pyridin-4-ylmethyl, [5-methyl-2-furyl)methyl, 3-(1H-pyrazol-1-yl)propyl, 2-morpholin-4-ylethyl, 2-((3,4,5,6-tetrahydro-1-benzazocin-1(2H)-yl)propyl, 2-(2-methylpiperidin-1-yl)ethyl, 3,4-dihydro-1H-isochromen-1-ylmethoxy, or methoxy, (4-pyridinylcarbonyl)amino or 4,5-dihydro-1H-imidazol-2-ylamino,

R^{3a} is hydrogen, methyl or tetrahydrofuran-2-ylmethyl,

or NR^{2a}, R^{2a} is 4R-pyridin-2-ylpiperazin-1-yl, 4-(3-methylphenyl)piperazin-1-yl, 4-(4-hydroxyphenyl)piperazin-1-yl, 4-(2-phenylethyl)piperazin-1-yl, 4-(2-morpholin-4-ylethyl)piperazin-1-yl, 3-hydroxypiperidin-1-yl, thiomorpholin-4-yl, 4-methoxycarbonyl-1,3-thiazolidin-3-yl, 2,5-dihydro-1H-pyrrol-1-yl, 1,4-dioxo-8-azaspiro[4.5]dec-8-yl or 4-oxooctahydro-1(2H)-quinolinyl,

R⁴ is hydrogen,

R⁵ is hydrogen, methyl, ethyl, trifluoromethyl, trifluoromethoxy, n-propyl, isopropyl, nitro or halogen,
R⁶ is hydrogen, methyl or Cl,
R⁷ is hydrogen, methyl, Br, F or Cl,
and at least one of R⁵, R⁶ or R⁷ is different from hydrogen when R² is hydrogen, R³ is H or 2,6-diisopropylphenyl and R^{3a} is H.

4. (previously presented) A compound according to claim 1 wherein R² is hydrogen or methyl.
5. (previously presented) A compound according to claim 1 wherein R³ is hydrogen.
6. (previously presented) A compound according to claim 1 wherein R^{3a} is hydrogen.
7. (previously presented) A compound according to claim 1 wherein R⁵ is halogen or trifluoromethyl.
8. (previously presented) A compound according to claim 1 wherein R⁶ is hydrogen.
9. (previously presented) A compound according to claim 1 wherein R⁷ is hydrogen, Br, or F.
10. (previously presented) A compound according to claim 1 wherein R² is C₁₋₂₀-alkyl and the carbon atom to which R² is attached is in the "S"-configuration.
11. (currently amended) A compound selected from
 - 2-(5-iodo-2-oxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-indol-1-yl)acetamide;
 - 2-(5-chloro-2-oxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-indol-1-yl)acetamide;
 - 2-(5,7-dibromo-2-oxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-indol-1-yl)acetamide;
 - 2-(5-nitro-2-oxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-indol-1-yl)acetamide;
 - 2-(5-methyl-2-oxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-indol-1-yl)acetamide;
 - 2-(5-chloro-2-oxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-indol-1-yl)propanamide;
 - (2R)-2-(5-chloro-2-oxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-indol-1-yl)propanamide;
 - (2S)-2-(5-chloro-2-oxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-indol-1-yl)propanamide;
 - 2-[2-oxo-5-(fluoromethoxy)-2,3-dihydro-1H-indol-1-yl]acetamide;

2-(5-isopropyl-2-oxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-indol-1-yl)acetamide;
 2-(5-ethyl-2-oxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-indol-1-yl)acetamide;
 2-(5-fluoro-2-oxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-indol-1-yl)acetamide;
 2-(5,7-dimethyl-2-oxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-indol-1-yl)acetamide;
 2-(5-bromo-2-oxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-indol-1-yl)acetamide;
 2-(2-oxo-5-propyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-indol-1-yl)acetamide;
 2-(2-oxo-5-(trifluoromethyl)-2,3-dihydro-1H-indol-1-yl)acetamide;
 2-(5,6-dimethyl-2-oxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-indol-1-yl)acetamide;
 2-(7-chloro-2-oxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-indol-1-yl)acetamide;
 2-(6-chloro-2-oxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-indol-1-yl)acetamide;
 2-(5-chloro-2-oxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-indol-1-yl)butanamide;
 (+)-2-(5-chloro-2-oxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-indol-1-yl)butanamide;
 (-)-2-(5-chloro-2-oxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-indol-1-yl)butanamide;
 2-(5-methyl-2-oxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-indol-1-yl)propanamide;
 (+)-2-(5-methyl-2-oxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-indol-1-yl)propanamide;
 (-)-2-(5-methyl-2-oxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-indol-1-yl)propanamide;
 2-(5-bromo-2-oxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-indol-1-yl)propanamide;
 (-)-2-(5-bromo-2-oxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-indol-1-yl)propanamide;
 (+)-2-(5-bromo-2-oxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-indol-1-yl)propanamide;
 2-(5-chloro-7-fluoro-2-oxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-indol-1-yl)acetamide;
 2-(5-chloro-2-oxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-indol-1-yl)-N-(3-hydroxyphenyl)acetamide;
 2-(5-chloro-2-oxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-indol-1-yl)-N-(3-fluorophenyl)acetamide;
 2-(5-chloro-2-oxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-indol-1-yl)-N-[3-(2-pyridin-2-ylethyl)phenyl]acetamide;
 2-(5-chloro-2-oxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-indol-1-yl)-N-[6-(hydroxymethyl)cyclohex-3-en-1-yl]acetamide;
 5-chloro-1-[2-oxo-2-(4-pyridin-2-ylpiperzin-1-yl)ethyl]-1,3-dihydro-2H-indol-2-one;
 5-chloro-1-[2-[4-(3-methylphenyl)piperzin-1-yl]-2-oxoethyl]-1,3-dihydro-2H-indol-2-one;
 2-(5-chloro-2-oxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-indol-1-yl)-N-(4-hydroxy-3-

methoxybenzyl)acetamide;

2-(5-chloro-2-oxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-indol-1-yl)-N-(pyridine-4-ylmethyl)-N-(tetrahydrofuran-2-ylmethyl)acetamide;

5-chloro-1-[2-(3-hydroxypiperidin-1-yl)-2-oxoethyl]-1,3-dihydro-2H-indol-2-one;

2-(5-chloro-2-oxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-indol-1-yl)-N'-isonicotinoylacetohydrazide;

5-chloro-1-(2-oxo-2-thiomorpholin-4-ylethyl)-1,3-dihydro-2H-indol-2-one;

2-(5-chloro-2-oxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-indol-1-yl)-N-(4H-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl)acetamide;

2-(5-chloro-2-oxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-indol-1-yl)-N-[4-(methylsulfonyl)benzyl]acetamide;

1-[(5-chloro-2-oxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-indol-1-yl)acetyl]octahydroquinolin-4(1H)-one;

N'-(4-bromophenyl)-2-(5-chloro-2-oxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-indol-1-yl)acetohydrazide;

2-(5-chloro-2-oxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-indol-1-yl)-N-(6-methoxypyridin-3-yl)acetamide;

N-butyl-2-(5-chloro-2-oxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-indol-1-yl)acetamide;

2-(5-chloro-2-oxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-indol-1-yl)-N-(3-hydroxypropyl)acetamide;

2-(5-chloro-2-oxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-indol-1-yl)-N-[3-(dimethylamino)propyl]acetamide;

5-chloro-1-[2-oxo-2-[4-(2-phenylethyl)piperazin-1-yl]ethyl]-1,3-dihydro-2H-indol-2-one;

ethyl{[(5-chloro-2-oxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-indol-1-yl)acetyl]amino}acetate;

2-(5-chloro-2-oxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-indol-1-yl)-N-(3-ethoxypropyl)acetamide;

2-(5-chloro-2-oxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-indol-1-yl)-N-(2-fluoroethyl)acetamide;

2-(5-chloro-2-oxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-indol-1-yl)-N-methoxy-N-methylacetamide;

2-(5-chloro-2-oxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-indol-1-yl)-N-(3,4-dimethylphenyl)acetamide;

N-(4-tert-butylphenyl)-2-(5-chloro-2-oxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-indol-1-yl)acetamide;

2-(5-chloro-2-oxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-indol-1-yl)-N-(3-hydroxy-2,2-dimethylpropyl)acetamide;

2-(5-chloro-2-oxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-indol-1-yl)-N-[1-(hydroxymethyl)propyl]acetamide;

2-(5-chloro-2-oxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-indol-1-yl)-N-(3,3,3-trifluoro-2-hydroxypropyl)acetamide;

2-(5-chloro-2-oxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-indol-1-yl)-N-(2-hydroxy-2-phenylethyl)acetamide;

5-chloro-1-[2-[4-(4-hydroxyphenyl)piperazin-1-yl]-2-oxoethyl]-1,3-dihydro-2H-indol-2-one;

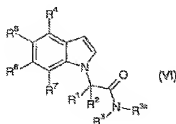
2-(5-chloro-2-oxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-indol-1-yl)-N-(pyridin-4-ylmethyl)acetamide;

2-(5-chloro-2-oxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-indol-1-yl)-N-[(5-methyl-2-furyl)methyl]acetamide;
 2-(5-chloro-2-oxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-indol-1-yl)-N-[3-(1H-pyrazol-1-yl)propyl]acetamide;
 methyl 3-[(5-chloro-2-oxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-indol-1-yl)acetyl]-1,3-thiazolidine-4-carboxylate;
 5-chloro-1-[2-(2,5-dihydro-1H-pyrrol-1-yl)-2-oxoethyl]-1,3-dihydro-2H-indol-2-one;
 2-(5-chloro-2-oxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-indol-1-yl)-N'-(4,5-dihydro-1H-imidazol-2-yl)acetohydrazide;
 2-(5-chloro-2-oxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-indol-1-yl)-N-[2-(3,4-dimethoxyphenyl)ethyl]acetamide;
 2-(5-chloro-2-oxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-indol-1-yl)-N-[2-(2-chlorophenylethyl)]acetamide;
 2-(5-chloro-2-oxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-indol-1-yl)-N-[2-(4-methylphenyl)ethyl]acetamide;
 2-(5-chloro-2-oxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-indol-1-yl)-N-(2-morpholin-4-ylethyl)acetamide;
 2-(5-chloro-2-oxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-indol-1-yl)-N-[2-(3,4,5,6-tetrahydro-1-benzazocin-1(2H)-yl)propyl]acetamide;
 2-(5-chloro-2-oxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-indol-1-yl)-N-[2-(2-methylpiperidin-1-yl)ethyl]acetamide;
 2-(5-chloro-2-oxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-indol-1-yl)-N-(2-nitrobenzyl)acetamide;
 2-(5-chloro-2-oxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-indol-1-yl)-N-(3,4-dihydro-1H-isochromen-1-methyl)acetamide;
 N-(2-chloro-6-fluorobenzyl)-2-(5-chloro-2-oxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-indol-1-yl) acetamide;
 N-benzyl-2-(5-chloro-2-oxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-indol-1-yl)-N-methylacetamide;
 2-(5-chloro-2-oxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-indol-1-yl)-N-{2-[(trifluoromethyl) thio]benzyl}acetamide;
 5-chloro-1-[2-(1,4-dioxo-8-azaspiro[4.5]dec-8-yl)-2-oxoethyl]-1,3-dihydro-2H-indol-2-one;
 and 2-(5-chloro-2-oxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-indol-1-yl)-N-cycloheptylacetamide;
 5-chloro-1-[2-[4-(2-morpholin-4-ylethyl)piperazin-1-yl]-2-oxoethyl]-1,3-dihydro-2H-indol-2-one;
 and 2-(5-chloro-2-oxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-indol-1-yl)-N-pyridin-3-ylacetamide.

12. (canceled)

13. (canceled)

14. (canceled)
15. (currently amended) A compound having the formula VI or stereoisomeric forms thereof,



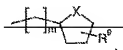
wherein

R^1 is hydrogen,

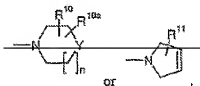
R^2 is hydrogen or C_{1-20} -alkyl,

R^3 is hydrogen, C_{1-20} -alkyl, C_{4-8} -cycloalkyl, C_{5-8} -cycloalkylenyl, ~~or aryl, aromatic or non-~~
~~aromatic heterocycle~~, C_{1-20} -alkoxy, or a group of formula $-W-R^8$,

R^{3a} is hydrogen; ~~or C_{1-20} -alkyl, or a group of formula:~~



~~or $-NR^3R^{3a}$ is a group of formula:~~



R^4 is hydrogen,

R^5 is hydrogen; halogen; azido; cyano; $-S-C_{1-4}$ -alkyl; $-SO-C_{1-4}$ -alkyl; $-SO_2-C_{1-4}$ -alkyl;
 $-SONH_2$; or C_{1-20} -alkyl unsubstituted or substituted by halogen,

R^6 is hydrogen, C_{1-20} -alkyl or halogen,

R^7 is hydrogen, C_{2-20} -alkyl or halogen,

W is C_{1-12} -alkylene, $-NH-$ or $-NHC(=O)-$,

X is O, S or NH ,

Y is O, S, $-CR^{12}R^{13}$, $-NR^{14}$ or $-C(=O)-$

R^8 is aryl or heterocycle;
 R^9 , R^{10} , R^{10a} and R^{11} are independently selected from hydrogen, C_{1-4} -alkyl, halogen, hydroxy or methoxycarbonyl, or R^{10} and R^{10a} together form a C_{3-6} -alkylene;
 R^{12} is hydrogen, C_{1-4} -alkyl, halogen or hydroxy;
 R^{13} is hydrogen, or $CR^{12}R^{13}$ is dioxolanyl;
 R^{14} is aryl, heterocycle or a group of formula $-V-R^{15}$;
 V is C_{1-12} -alkylene;
 R^{15} is aryl or heterocycle;
 m is 1 to 4,
 n is 0 or 1,
 and at least one of R^5 , R^6 and R^7 is different from hydrogen when R^2 is hydrogen, R^3 is H or 2, 6-diisopropylphenyl, and R^{3a} is H.

16. (canceled)

17. (currently amended) A compound which is selected from the group consisting of:

2-(5'-methyl-2'-oxospiro[1,3-dithiolane-2,3'-indol]-1'(2'H)-yl)acetamide;
 2-[2'-oxo-5'-(trifluoromethyl)oxy]spiro[1,3-dithiolane-2,3'-indol]-1'(2'H)-yl]acetamide;
 2-[5'-(1-methylethyl)-2'-oxospiro[1,3-dithiolane-2,3'-indol]-1'(2'H)-yl]acetamide;
 2-(5'-ethyl-2'-oxospiro[1,3-dithiolane-2,3'-indol]-1'(2'H)-yl)acetamide;
 2-(5'-fluoro-2'-oxospiro[1,3-dithiolane-2,3'-indol]-1'(2'H)-yl)acetamide;
 2-(5',7'-dimethyl-2'-oxospiro[1,3-dithiolane-2,3'-indol]-1'acetamide;
 2-(2'-oxo-5'-propylspiro[1,3-dithiolane-2,3'-indol]-1'(2'H)-yl)acetamide;
 2-[2'-oxo-5'-(trifluoromethyl)spiro[1,3-dithiolane-2,3'-indol]-1'(2'H)-yl]acetamide;
 2-(5',6'-dimethyl-2'-oxospiro[1,3-dithiolane-2,3'-indol]-1'(2'H)-yl)acetamide;
 5'-methylspiro[1,3-dithiolane-2,3'-indol]-2'(1'H)-one;
 5'-[(trifluoromethyl)oxy]spiro[1,3-dithiolane-2,3'-indol]-2'(1'H)-one;
 5'-(1-methylethyl)spiro[1,3-dithiolane-2,3'-indol]-2'(1'H)-one;
 5'-ethylspiro[1,3-dithiolane-2,3'-indol]-2'(1'H)-one;
 5'-fluorospiro[1,3-dithiolane-2,3'-indol]-2'(1'H)-one;

5',7'-dimethylspiro[1,3-dithiolane-2,3'-indol]-2'(1H)-one;
 5'-propylspiro[1,3-dithiolane-2,3'-indol]-2'(1H)-one;
 5'-(trifluoromethyl)spiro[1,3-dithiolane-2,3'-indol]-2'(1H)-one;
 5',6'-dimethylspiro[1,3-dithiolane-2,3'-indol]-2'(1H)-one;
 2-(5-chloro-1H-indol-1-yl)propanamide;
 2-(7-chloro-1H-indol-1-yl)acetamide;
 2-(6-chloro-1H-indol-1-yl)acetamide;
 2-(5-chloro-1H-indol-1-yl)butanamide;
 2-(5-methyl-1H-indol-1-yl)propanamide;
 2-(5-bromo-1H-indol-1-yl)propanamide;
 2-(7-fluoro-1H-indol-1-yl)acetamide;
 2-(5-bromo-1H-indol-1-yl)acetamide;
 2-(5-fluoro-1H-indol-1-yl)acetamide;
 2-(5-chloro-1H-indol-1-yl)acetamide;
 (5-chloro-2-oxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-indol-1-yl)acetic acid.

18. (previously presented) A pharmaceutical composition comprising an effective amount of a compound according to claim 1 in combination with a pharmaceutically acceptable diluent or carrier.
19. (canceled)
20. (canceled)
21. (canceled)